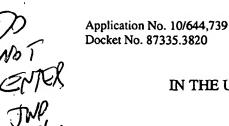
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Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action mailed July 18, 2006 to which a response is due, together with a one-month extension of time, on November 18, 2006. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.